

TIP OF THE MONTH
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Having just read Judge Myers' decision dated June 11 in *In Re: Mid Valley Construction, Inc.*, I decided to do a short but sweet nuts and bolts tip. A couple of bankruptcy court clerks' two cents worth is included.

Two creditors in the Mid Valley case filed motions for stay relief. The case is a chapter 11 and both creditors failed to notify the **Debtor's 20 largest unsecured creditors, pursuant to LBR 4001**. Needless to say, the motions were denied. Although the denial was without prejudice, when the creditors re-file their motions, they are going to have to pay the filing fees again, **and they've lost about a month of their precious time.**

When queried about where we make the most mistakes, I was **told by clerks that we don't proofread, we are sloppy when we attach documents (wrong doc attached), we don't double check the local or federal rules, and we send in obsolete forms.** I've had several creditors send me the old reaffirmation agreements recently, and the **one that I submitted (many creditors don't have the ability to electronically file documents)** was rejected by the court.

Whether you do the work or have an assistant do it, you are the one whose reputation with the judges is on the line, so take the extra **time to make sure it's done correctly.**

Does everyone realize that our judges post their decisions on the **court's website under Attorney Resources/Written Decisions?** We don't have to wait for Suzanne or Sylvia to send them via email.